Mr. K. S. Panickar *(Ezhuvas North).*—Will the Government be pleased to accept our congratulations? (Laughter).

Town Improvement Committee—appointment of.

160. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a committee has been appointed to report on the improvements of the Town of Ernakulam;

(b) who are the members of it;

(c) has the committee submitted its report; if so, what are its recommendations?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—(a) Government have not appointed any adhoc committee to report on the improvements of the Town of Ernakulam. But they have appointed a committee to draft a Town Planning Act for the State with a view to making it easier on financial and other grounds to carry out comprehensive schemes of Town Improvements in towns like Ernakulam.

(b) The members of this committee are the Diwan Peishkar (Chairman), the Government Advocate and Law Officer and the Chairman, Ernakulam Municipal Council.

(c) No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—May I know how far the town improvement scheme has progressed?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government.)*—The scheme is ready and it would be submitted by the committee in a day or two.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Are they drafting any rules?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House when this committee was formed?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—About 2 months back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in the scope of the scheme little places like Wadakkancherri and Irinialakkuda will also come in?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Yes. In all Town Planning Acts there is the provision to extend it to such areas as the Government think fit.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know whether there is any significance attached to "improvements in towns like Ernakulam"?

Mr. President.—If the Hon'ble Member reads the answer, he would not have to put such questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether there will be provision in the Act itself for little places?

Mr. President.—The Diwan Peishkar said there will be provision in the Act itself to extend it to smaller places.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Is it the intention of the Government to place the recommendations before the Council?

Mr. President.—Yes. The Act will come in the form of a Bill before the House.

APPENDIX I.

(*Question No. 142*)

List A.

Items of original works submitted by the Wadakkancheri Panchayat for inclusion in the 1112 budget.

			Rs.
1	Construction of bridge over thodu leading to B M P School, Kanjirakode	...	500
2	Road to connect Naduthara road and Girls School road	...	100
3	Improving lane leading to the west by the southern side of Police lines	...	100
4	Road to the grazing ground near Erattakulangara and to the Depressed Class road	...	100
5	Road from Parlikad gate through the gate of the Paliam to the cremation ground and thence to Puthuruthi road	...	1,000
6	Improving Mangalath lanes	...	100
7	Improving lanes in Kumbalangad	...	100
		Total ...	2,000

N. B.—Please see foot-note in list B.

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